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SUBJECT: CEYLONENE REACTION TO EVENTS IN SIKKIM

1. INDIAN DECISION TO MAKE SIKKIM ASSOCIATED STATE OF INDIA RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRESS BASED ON WIRE SERVICE STORIES. NO MOFFICIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN MADE. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED "CEYLON DAILY NEWS" GAVE FRONT PAGE PLACEMENT TO STATEMENT ISSUED BY COMMUNIST PARTY-PEKING WING (CP/P) LEADER SHANMUGATHASAN CONDEMNING INDIAN ACTION. NEWSPAPERS ALSO CARRIED CRITICAL COMMENTS FROM CHINESE AND PAKISTANI PRESS.

2. INDIAN DEFENSE OF ACTION ALSO WAS CARRIED WIDELY IN PRESS INCLUDING STATEMENT BY VISITIING INDIAN NEWSMAN INDER MALHOTRA. CEYLONENE ARE PROBABLY UNHAPPY WITH AND DISAPPORVE OF INDIAN ACTION. HOWEVER, RECENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INDIA AND SRI LANKA ON BORDER IN PALK STRAITS AND REPATRIATION OF INDIAN TAMILS HAVE NO DOUBT LESSONED TRADITIONAL CEYLONENE FEARS OF INDIAN EXPANSIONISM. RATHER THAN RISK SLOWING RECENTLY GENERATED IMPETUS TOWARD ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIAN AND SRI LANKA, CEYLONENE ARE MOST LIKELY TO REMAIN SILENT ON

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